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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-3, 5-7</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-3, 5-7</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-3, 5-7</u>	YES
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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

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Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 7

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